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REPORT

OF THE

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WITH THE REPORT OF THE

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

Dr.

Received of James Taft, Collector, 1876.	$ 132.55
" " Hillsborough County, for Paupers,	30.45
" Railroad Tax,	11.53
" Savings Bank Tax,	483.50
" Literary Fund,	92.88
" of Town of Mason, for School Dist. No. 3,	97.92
" " Samuel E. Adams for bark,	2.25
" For Licenses,	20.00
" For Fine,	7.00
" For Rent of Town House,	69.75
" of James Taft, Collector, 1877,	7,450.00
Cash borrowed on Town notes,	16,020.00
	$24,417.83

March 1, 1877. *Cr.*

Balance due J. L. Chamberlin, Treasurer,	$382.28
Paid Notes and Interest,	$11,244.99
STATE AND COUNTY TAX.	
Paid State Tax,	$1,148.00
" County Tax,	654.27
	$1,802.27

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Thomas Hays, for District No. 1,		$1,065.60
" C. W. Kyle, " " 2,		86.02
" Edwin L. Nutting, " " 3,	43.35	
" Edwin L. Nutting, " " 3, for money received from Mason for said District,	97.92—	$141.27
" A. J. Spalding, school tax on Titcomb farm, for 1877,		5.03
		$1,297.92

PAUPER EXPENSES.

Paid William Sawtell, for burying Maggie Bero,	$9.00
" Ira Gustine, for keeping tramps,	41.00
" Thomas E. Marshall, for taking care tramps,	14.00
	$64.00

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Milton H. Hardy, 1876–7,	$11.50
" Sewel F. Adams, 1876–7,	6.92
" B. Sawyer & Son, 1877–8,	12.49
" H. M. Livingston, Surveyor, 1877–8,	74.86
" J. L. Chamberlin, 1878,	2.20
	$107.97

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid H. M. Livingston, Surveyor, 1877,	$810.93
" S. A. Davis, for railing,	5.00
	$815.93

BRIDGE AT CHAMBERLIN'S SAW MILL.

Paid H. M. Livingston, for labor,	$117.10
" James Taft, "	18.00
" J. H. Elliott, for lumber,	70.39
" J. L. Chamberlin, "	93.64
" O. D. Prescott, for nails,	5.26
" For one barrel coal tar,	3.77
	$308.16

STREET LAMPS.

Paid A. J. Kedney, lighting lamps,	$40.35
" H. A. Benson, " "	25.00
" Homer Lane & Co., for chimneys,	9.40
" Downer & Co., for oil,	12.49
" William Sawtell, repairing lamp,	1.75
	$88.99

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Marshall W. Waite,	for 1876,	$3.33
Willard A. Jackson,	"	3.07
John Arthur,	1877,	1.49
Michael Breshnahan,	"	2.49
Jeremiah Casey,	"	1.49
Gesvoil Fontine,	"	1.49
Gardner Livingston,	"	1.49
Prudent Matton,	"	1.49
Eugene O'Connel,	"	1.49
David Pratt,	"	1.49
Oliver Record,	"	1.49
Adolphus Richards,	"	1.49
James Rivers,	"	1.49
George Starkey,	"	1.49
Willard A. Jackson,	"	1.49
Lucy Davis,	"	.75
James Cooley,	"	2.49
Alphons Bushway,	"	3.55
Edson F. Nutting,	"	1.49
Lewis Hodgman,	"	1.49
		$36.54

POLICE SERVICES.

Paid F. C. White, for 1877,	$8.00
" Thomas E. Marshall, 1877,	9.25
" Henry A. Benson, "	1.50
	$18.75

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid	Charles E. Hall, balance for services as Superintending School Committee, 1876,	$24.40
"	George F. Merriam, Town Clerk, 1876,	25.75
"	Eben F. Pierce, Town Clerk, to Nov. 1, 1877,	20.00
"	James L. Chamberlin, Treasurer,	25.00
"	C. G. Carey, services Supt. School Com., 1877,	40.68
"	F. B. Heald, services Selectman, and cash paid,	88.15
"	James Taft, " " " " "	104.96
"	S. E. Adams, " "	50.10
"	James Taft, Collector,	55.00
"	H. I. Whitney, Committee on Town House, and cash paid,	50.70
"	George C. Robbins, Committee on Town House,	25.00
"	F. B. Heald, Committee on Town House, and cash paid,	313.83
		$823.57

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid	orders drawn in favor Building Committee,	$5,000.00
"	Nathan P. Farrar,	97.81
"	Charles Lynch, for labor,	195.75
"	James L. Chamberlin, for labor,	134.63
"	James Taft, for sand and lumber,	56.00
		$5,484.19

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid	James Taft, Auditing Committee, 1876,	$1.50
"	George D. Burton, printing reports, 1877,	19.70
"	Insurance on Town House, (carpenter's risk,)	75.00
"	B. W. Sanborn, books and stationery,	6.40
"	Dr. C. G. Corey, certificates births and deaths,	5.00
"	Stevens & Parker, counsel fees,	5.00
"	A. J. Pride, peeling road railings,	4.65
"	Post Herman Shedd, decorating soldiers' graves,	50.00
"	G. A. Hartshorn, blankets for lockup,	10.35
"	Parker & Gannett, plow points,	4.40
"	Insurance on Town House for five years,	450.00
"	Charles E. Hall, for school books,	1.71

Paid	Andrew Henry, for coal,	$66.53
"	C. G. Corey, for school books,	3.17
"	Arthur E. Kedney, for burying dog,	1.00
"	Capren, Sprague & Co., 1 bbl. oil,	15.53
"	J. S. Taft & Co., cuspadors,	12.45
"	Firemen, for services,	69.00
"	C. W. Kyle, maintaining watering tub,	3.00
"	F. B. Heald, 2 faucets,	2.15
"	W. W. Johnson, inquest on A. G. Nutting,	21.32
"	Cong'l Society, use of vestry, and shop for fire engine,	25.00
"	O. D. Prescott, merchandise,	14.37
"	John S. Brown, maintaining watering tub,	3.00
"	Asa Webber, blacksmithing,	6.22
"	B. Sawyer & Son, board and horse keeping,	6.00
"	George F. Merriam, surveying town lines,	6.00
"	Fitchburg Railroad freight bill,	2.61
"	F. B. Heald, cash paid for coal sifter,	5.75
"	John R. Lynch, blacksmithing,	.70
"	B. A. Elliott, steward fire engine company,	5.00
"	N. P. Farrar, for merchandise,	6.09
"	Homer & Lane, 6 globes,	3.00
"	Hartshorn & Whitney, for goods,	22.80
"	F. B. Heald, cash paid G. A. Strout and H. J. Taft,	2.00
"	Elliot Merriam, labor,	3.06
"	Milton H. Hardy, horse hire,	10.55
"	Marshall Kimball, maintaining watering tub,	3.00
"	J. L. Chamberlin, labor, rent, &c.,	111.41
		$1,064.42

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received by Treasurer,		$24,417.83
Paid bal. due Treasurer Mar. 1, 1877,	$382.28	
Notes and interest,	11,244.99	
State and county tax,	1,802.27	
Support of Schools,	1,297.92	
Pauper expense,	64.00	
Breaking roads,	107.97	
Highways and bridges,	815.93	
Bridge at Chamberlin's saw-mill,	308.16	
Street lamps,	88.99	

CONDITION OF FINANCES, MARCH 1, 1879.

The Town is indebted for outstanding notes, with interest added to March 1, 1879,	$31,877 31
Due School district No. 1,	465 79
" School district No. 2,	29 73
" School district No. 3,	66 13
" School district No. 0,	16 24
	$32,455 20

THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Town House, furniture and fixtures,	$29,518 76	
Fire engine, hose and hose carriage,	500 00	
One fireproof safe,	50 00	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1873,	83 52	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1874,	104 49	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1875,	86 32	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1878,	113 21	
Balance in Treasurer's hands, 1878,	955 56	
		$31,411 86
Balance against the Town, March 1, 1879,		$1,043 34

The Selectmen report that there are outstanding and unadjusted bills against the town, the amounts of which we are unable to give, in favor of the following parties:

William Edwards & Co.,
Wadleigh & Wallace,
Marshall Kimball,
John Kenney,
James L. Chamberlin.

The six street lamps authorized at the annual meeting in March, 1878, were put up by Geo. D. Burton, and are his property. Mr. Burton put them up at no cost to the town. *The lamps are on trial.*

SCHOOL FUND NOT APPROPRIATED.

Literary fund, 1878,	$86 21

Total Valuation, 1878, by School Districts.

District No. 1,	$471,480 00
District No. 2,	32,825 00
District No. 3,	18,935 00
District No. 0,	9,550 00
	$532,790 00

Amount of Taxes Assessed in 1878.

School district No. 1,	$8,157 26	Dog tax,	$57 00
School district No. 2,	567 97	" "	1 00
School district No. 3,	327 67	" "	1 00
School district No. 0,	165 27	" "	1 00
	$9,218 17		$60 00
Dog tax,	60 00		
	$9,278 17		

Appropriations for 1878.

For Schooling,	$1,200 00
" Highways and Bridges,	1,000 00
" Incidental Expenses,	4,500 00
" Decorating Soldiers' Graves,	50 00
" County Tax,	892 19
" State Tax,	1,148 00
	$8,790 19
Overlay,	427 98
	$9,218 17

Rate of Taxes for 1878, on $1,000, was $17.30.

Respectfully submitted.

F. B. HEALD,
JAMES TAFT,
N. P. FARRAR, } *Selectmen of Greenville.*

Paid Abatement of taxes,	$36.54	
Police services,	18.75	
Town officers,	823.57	
Town House,	5,484.19	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,064.42	–23,539.98
Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 1, 1878,		$877.85

JAMES L. CHAMBERLIN, *Treasurer.*

Greenville, March 1, 1878.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ANDREW HENRY,
O. D. PRESCOTT, } *Auditors.*

CONDITION OF FINANCES, MARCH 1, 1878.

The Town is indebted for outstanding notes, with interest added to March 1, 1878, $35,632.50

THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

Town House, furniture and fixtures,	$29,518.76	
Cash in hands of F. B. Heald, building committee,	60.85	
One fireproof safe,	50.00	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1873,	83.52	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1874,	104.49	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1875,	86.32	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1876,	22.50	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1877.	253.69	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	877.85	–$31,057.98
Balance against the Town, March 1, 1878,		$4,574.52

SCHOOL FUND NOT APPROPRIATED.

Dog tax, 1875–6,	$114.00
Literary fund, 1876–7,	177.03
	$291.03

Total Valuation, 1877, by School Districts.

District No. 1,	$455,804.00
District No. 2,	38,914.00
District No. 3,	18,525.00
	$513,243.00

Amount of Taxes Assessed, 1877.

School District No. 1,	$6,793.58
School District No. 2,	580.01
School District No. 3,	276.10
Dog tax,	54.00
	$7,703.69

Appropriations for 1877.

For Schooling,	$1,200.00
Highways and Bridges,	800.00
Incidental Expenses,	3500.00
Decorating Soldiers' Graves,	50.00
County Tax,	654.27
State Tax,	1,148.00
Overlay,	347.42
	$7,699.69

Rate of Taxation, 1877, $14.90 on $1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted.

F. B. HEALD,
JAMES TAFT,
SAMUEL E. ADAMS, } *Selectmen of Greenville.*

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE ON TOWN HOUSE.

Cost of Grading,	$392.55
Stone and stone masonry,	2,447.92
Bricks,	872.52
Brick masonry,	2,726.53
Carpentry,	3,086.25
Lime, cement, sand and hair,	662.13
Lumber,	2,722.10
Slating,	575.00
Paints, oils and painting,	677.23
Iron work,	1,793.58
Hardware,	272.37
Blinds, windows, doors, mouldings and frames,	1,347.05
Furniture,	1,108.90
Plumbing,	115.45
Freight expense,	1,103.69
Miscellaneous expense,	648.98
Teaming, sand, stone, lumber, etc.,	418.89
Architect,	562.95
Committee, time and expense,	610.20
Town house lot,	6,000.00
Bills unadjusted,	229.60
Brick owned by the town,	1,688.00
	$30,061.89

Credit:

By Cash received for sale of material,	$607.13
Total cost of town house, lot, furniture and fixtures,	$29,454.76
Cash in hands of F. B. Heald, committee.	$60.85

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. CHAMBERLIN,
F. B. HEALD,
HENRY I. WHITNEY,
GEORGE C. ROBBINS,
Building Committee.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

The schools for the year, have been mostly under the charge of old and competent teachers, who alike have vied to become masters of their situation, and have succeeded very satisfactorily. The schools have all made good progress in the various branches taught, as any one who has attended the various examinations of the schools for the year can bear testimony.

Your committee upon taking charge of the schools felt convinced that a change should be made in the series of readers used in schools, deeming the old reader too hard for the scholars, he after careful examination of several new readers, and the advice of some of his predecessors in office, he made an exchange, for the Monroe series, and the advance in that one recitation has been far beyond his expectations.

DISTRICT NO 1.

The Grammar School, has been taught the entire school year, with universal satisfaction, by W. E. Walker, which has made very marked progress. Length of Summer term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $52.00; whole number of scholars, 28; average, 24½. Length of Fall term 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $52.00; whole number of scholars 26; average 20. Length of the Winter term, 11 3-5 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $56.00; whole number of scholars 38; average 33.

The Intermediate School, has had a different teacher every term, which can only be viewed as an injury to the school, no one school in town needs a better and constant teacher than this, one who can gain and retain the confidence and esteem of the scholars, when this is obtained much will be done away, which only tends to lower the standard of the school. The Summer term was taught by Mrs. Clara J. Shumway who is a model teacher. Length of term 11 weeks. Wages of teacher per month $32.00. Whole number of scholars 46; average 40. Fall term was taught by Miss Eliza A. Davis, though young in the profession she labored with untiring fidelity. Length of term 12 weeks. Wages of teacher per month $32.00. Whole number of scholars 46; average 39. The winter term was under the charge of Mr. F. W. Blood. Like his predecessor, young in teaching, yet he gained much better the good will of the scholars, and they made great improvement. Length of Winter term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $32.00; whole number of scholars, 44; average 34.

The Primary School, was taught by Miss Emma F. Davis, the entire year, whose success in this department of our school needs no comments. Length of Summer term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $32.00; whole

number of scholars, 50; average, 43. Length of Fall term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $32; whole number of scholars, 48; average, 36. Length of Winter term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $32.00; whole number of scholars, 44; average, 40.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Summer term of 8 weeks, was taught by Miss Flora A. Kyle. Though comparative young in teaching, she acquitted herself with entire satisfaction to the district. Wages of teacher per month, $24.00; whole number of scholars, 8; average, 7. The Fall term was under the care of Miss Flavilla R. Kyle. This teacher, like the one in the first term, has done well. Length of term, 7 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $17.94; whole number of scholars, 7; average, 6. This school has been so small the two terms, that there was not that innate stimulant to the scholars, to excel their neighbor, as in larger schools. It is hoped that the district will be favored with more money, in future, for school purposes.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Had its usual amount of schooling, as Mason, in which town a part of the district is located, gave more of the money than it was entitled to, by law, for the Boynton Fund, which it withholds from that part of the town. The Summer term was taught by Miss Emma J. Adams, who is one of our best teachers. Length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $28.00; whole number of scholars, 23; average, 19. The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Mary C. Wheeler. Also a first-class teacher. No school in town bore better examination than this, at the close

of the Winter term. Length of Fall term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $28.00; number of scholars, 26; average, 23. Length of Winter term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher per month, $32.00; number of scholars, 29; average, 26.

The following named scholars have attended school the entire time taught in their district, for the year, without being absent, tardy, or dismissed:—

Mary Mullen,	Martha E. Jenkins,
Addie M. Corey,	Alice M. Hardy.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

C. G. COREY,

Superintending School Committee.

District.	Departments.	Names of Teachers.	Residence.	Prudential Committee.	No. Weeks.	Wages of Teacher, per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. visits by Superintending Com.	No. visits by Prudential Com.	No. visits by Citizens.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in U. S. History.	No. in Book-keeping.	No. not Absent or Tardy during term.	No. between 14 and 21 yrs who cannot read or write.
	SUMMER TERM.																				
1	Grammar.	Mr. W. E. Walker.	Concord.	Thomas Hays.	11	$52 00	28	23	3	2	24	25	25	12	26	15	11	8		4	20
1	Intermediate.	Mrs. C. J. Shumway.	Greenville.		11	32 00	46	40	3	1	1	46	46	38	46	13				10	
1	Primary.	Miss Emma F. Davis.	Fitchburg, Mass.		11	32 00	50	43	3	2	28	50	42	1	32					6	
2		Miss Flora A. Kyle.	Greenville.	C. W. Kyle.	8	24 00	8	7	2		8	8	8	7	7	7	6			2	
3		Miss Emma J. Adams.	Greenville.		8	28 00	23	19	2		23	23	23	16	15	12	4	1		3	
	FALL TERM.																				
1	Grammar.	Mr. W. E. Walker.			12	52 00	26	20	3	1	26	24	24	6	26	11	10	4		3	
1	Intermediate.	Miss Eliza A. Davis.	Lowell.		12	32 00	49	39	4	2	7	46	46	39	46	34				3	
1	Primary.	Miss Emma F. Davis.			12	32 00	48	46	3	2	31	47	47		21					1	
2		Miss Flavilla R. Kyle.	Greenville,		7	17 98	7	6	2		2	7	7	6	7	7	5	2		1	
3		Miss M. C. Wheeler.	New Ipswich.	E. L. Nutting.	6	26 00	26	23	2		3	26	26	13	17	10	5		1	6	
	WINTER TERM.																				
1	Grammar.	Mr. W. E. Walker.			11 3/5	56 00	38	33	4	2	26	37	37	37	37	17	15	12	6	4	
1	Intermediate.	Mr. F. W. Blood.	Greenville.		12	32 00	44	34	3	1	1	44	47	39	44	34				4	
3	Primary.	Miss Emma F. Davis.			12	32 00	44	40	3	2	12	44	44		31	2					
		Miss M. C. Wheeler.			9	32 00	29	26	2	1	20	29	29	14	19	9	6		2	3	

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TREASURER'S REPORT,

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Dr.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1878,	$877 85
Received of James Taft, Collector, 1876,	22 50
" " James Taft, Collector, 1877,	253 69
" Savings Bank Tax,	569 83
" Insurance Tax,	7 50
" Railroad Tax,	16 36
" Literary Fund,	86 21
" of F. B. Heald, Committee on Town House,	60 85
" " Town of Mason, for School Dist. No. 3,	81 89
" " James Taft, Collector for 1878,	9,165 00
" " Selectmen, Rent of Town House,	334 15
" borrowed on Town notes,	6,000 00
	$17,475 83

Cr.

Paid Notes and Interest,	$11,398 12

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid County Tax,	$892 19
" State Tax,	1,148 00
	$2,040 19

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid	James Taft, for District No. 1,	$685 00
"	Charles G. Blanchard, for District No. 2,	158 00
"	Eaton, Russell and Nutting, for District No. 3,	173 00
"	B. Sawyer, school tax on Titcomb farm, 1878,	4 72
		$1,020 72

PAUPER EXPENSES.

Paid	for 1 cord Wood delivered Mrs. Cavenough,	$4 00
"	William Sawtell, burying Chas. Bargeron's child,	50
		$4 50

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid	H. M. Livingston, Surveyor, 1877–8,	$5 70
"	H. M. Livingston, Surveyor, 1878–9,	51 72
		$57 42

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	H. M. Livingston, Surveyor, 1878,	$1,076 30
"	B. Sawyer & Son,	2 75
		$1,079 05

STREET LAMPS.

Paid	H. A. Benson, lighting lamps,	$22 25
"	George W. Pierce, lighting lamps,	87 70
"	O. D. Prescott, 220¼ gals. kerosene oil,	30 84
"	O. D. Prescott, matches, burners and wicks,	2 20
"	Homer Lane & Co., for chimneys,	5 60
"	N. P. Farrar, repairing lamps, etc.,	6 36
"	William Sawtell, repairing lamps,	1 79
		$156 74

BOUNTY.

Paid Bounty on 7 foxes,	$3 50
" Bounty on 5 hawks,	1 00
	$4 50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Amos Scripture, for 1877, over age,	$1 49
Frank Nelson, "	1 49
Patrick Bolton, 1878,	2 73
Charles S. Benson, "	1 73
Mrs. Morris Cavenough, "	6 92
William Laporte, "	1 73
Francois Milloux, "	1 73
Augustus Oulitte, " under age,	1 73
Lucy Davis,	87
	$20 42

POLICE SERVICES.

Paid H. M. Livingston, 1877,	$2 00
" H. M. Livingston, 1878,	4 75
" George H. Preston, "	6 00
" H. A. Benson, "	8 63
" J. H. Spofford, "	3 90
	$25 28

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Samuel E. Adams, services as Selectman after settlement,	$5 00
" Frank E. Pierce, as Town Clerk from Nov. 1, 1877, to March 1, 1879,	25 00
" James Taft, Collector, 1878,	50 00
" James Taft, services as Selectman, and cash paid,	76 05
" N. P. Farrar, services as Selectman, and cash paid,	60 25
" F. B. Heald, services as Selectman,	60 37
	$276 67

Street Lamps.

Paid Geo. W. Pierce, lighting lamps,	$91 60
O. D. Prescott, kerosene oil,	24 55
N. P. Farrar, 11 1-2 doz. chimneys,	12 08
Wm. Sawtell, repairing lanterns,	1 93
	$130 16

Bounties.

Paid N. P. Farrar, bounty on two foxes,	$ 1 00

Police Services.

Paid George H. Preston,	$ 1 60
C. E. Ferson,	2 00
Thomas E. Marshall,	1 50
	$ 5 10

Town Officers.

Paid John Kenney, services as Auditor,	$ 1 00
C. G. Corey, services as School Committee for 1878,	8 09
Chas.E.Marsh,services as School Committee for 1878,	26 00
J. L. Chamberlin, Treasurer for 1877-78,	50 00
J. Taft, services as Selectmen after settlement,	6 00
John Janes, services as Supervisor,	5 00
Andrew Henry, " " "	4 00
George H. Livingston, services as Supervisor,	4 00
M. C. Dodge, services as Treasurer, 1879,	25 00
Chas. E. Marsh, services as Town Clerk, 1879,	24 60
Chas. E. Hall, " " Collector,	40 00
Chas. E. Hall, " " School Committee,	35 00
S. H. Bacon, " " Selectman, 24 days,	48 00
N. P. Farrar, " " " " "	48 00
Thomas Hays, " " " 20 days,	40 00
	$ 364 69

Library.

Paid Thomas E. Marshall, services as librarian,	$44 50
Wm. M. Sargent, printing catalogues,	16 00
Chas. E. Marsh, printing cards,	3 50
J. L. Chamberlin, for lumber,	6 24
J. L. Chamberlin, labor on Book-case,	14 96
Chas. F. Marshall, cloth for doors,	5 75
O. D. Prescott, butts, screws, nails, &c.,	3 05
N. P. Farrar, stove pipe,	7 51
Thomas Hays, labor on book shelves,	16 50
Wm. Sawtell, painting book shelves,	7 73
	$125 74

Town House.

Paid S. H. Bacon, care of Town house,	$ 5 00
Geo. W. Pierce, janitor of Town house,	69 00
Elliot Merriam, cleaning " "	5 93
Jerry McCuddy, " " "	85
O. D. Prescott, oil, wicks, matches,	12 92
H. M. Livingston, coal,	38 83
J. L. Chamberlin, lumber,	1 18
J. L. Chamberlin, labor,	43
Thomas Hays, labor on hitching rails,	2 25
N. P. Farrar, repairing conductor and ironing hitching rails,	12 44
N. P. Farrar, lamps, shades, burners, &c.,	6 90
S. H. Bacon, 1-2 cord wood,	1 25
S. H. Bacon, feather duster,	1 65
Wm. Sawtell, glass, putty, &c.,	1 64
	$160 27

Abatement of Taxes.

Jacob H. Batchelder,	$ 1 35
Louis Belhemeur,	1 35
Arthur Bosse,	1 35
Oliver Carden,	1 35

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid	Andrew Henry, Auditing Committee, 1877,	$1 50
"	O. D. Prescott, " " "	1 50
"	Stevens & Parker, counsel fees,	8 00
"	George A. Hartshorn, goods and horse hire,	2 07
"	Blanchard & Brown, printing report, 1878,	20 70
"	F. C. White, work,	50
"	Dr. C. G. Corey, certificates of births and deaths,	4 00
"	H. M. Livingston, labor in cemetery,	4 65
"	Frank King, repairing tools,	15 60
"	F. B. Heald, express charges,	3 68
"	J. C. Fennelly, repairing chandeliers,	6 90
"	S. L. Buxton, setting glass,	90
"	Columbian Mfg. Co., 2 gals. N. F. oil,	2 00
"	Columbian Mfg. Co., hammer handles,	50
"	J. L. Chamberlin, coal,	28 24
"	H. M. Livingston, 15 posts, and teaming coal,	4 50
"	John Sheradon, setting posts,	2 50
"	H. H. Shumway, hose bar,	1 00
"	James Taft, for blanks,	2 00
"	A. J. Pride, labor,	50
"	Charles W. Kyle, maintaining watering tub,	3 00
"	Marshall Kimball, " " "	3 00
"	John S. Brown, " " "	3 00
"	Firemen, for services,	90 00
"	John Janes, powder and fuse,	2 50
"	James Taft, plow points,	1 98
"	Herman Shedd Post, decorating soldiers' graves,	50 00
"	M. V. B. Greene, books,	4 10
"	Hartshorn & Whitney, goods,	13 14
"	H. I. Whitney, trustee library fund,	17 50
"	O. D. Prescott, goods,	13 93
"	S. F. Adams, use of land for winter road,	3 00
"	William Sawtell, varnishing steps,	50
"	Thomas E. Marshall, work on library,	12 50
"	Nathan P. Farrar, goods,	38
"	Downer Kerosene Oil Co., for 1 bbl. oil,	12 50
"	F. B. Heald, cash paid out,	11 31
"	F. B. Heald, janitor of Town House,	67 95
"	Elliot Merriam, cleaning Town House,	9 78
"	Jeremiah McCuddy, " " "	60

Paid R. P. Richardson, cleaning Town House,	$1 75
" H. A. Benson, " " "	2 00
" Geo. E. Marsh, " " "	1 00
	$436 66

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received by Treasurer,		$17,475 83
Paid Notes and interest,	$11,398 12	
" State and county tax,	2,040 19	
" Support of schools,	1,020 72	
" Pauper expense,	4 50	
" Breaking roads,	57 42	
" Highways and bridges,	1,079 05	
" Street lamps,	156 74	
" Bounties,	4 50	
" Abatement of taxes,	20 42	
" Police services,	25 28	
" Town officers,	276 67	
" Miscellaneous expenses,	436 66	
		$16,520 27
Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 1, 1879,		$955 56

JAMES L. CHAMBERLIN, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the foregoing accounts for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1879, and find them correctly cast and properly avouched for.

JOHN KENNEY,
SAMUEL McGOWN, } *Auditors.*

Greenville, March 1, 1879.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

Not serving in the capacity of your School Committee till October 23, (being then appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of our much esteemed citizen, Dr. Corey,) and the Winter term of the schools in District No. 1 not having yet finished, my report can be but a meagre one.

As far as I have been able to judge, the several districts have been fortunate in securing the services of good teachers, and the schools have been very successful.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, James Taft.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Summer and Fall terms of this school were taught by Mr. Frank A. Newell. Winter term is under the care of the same teacher. Wages of teacher, $50 per month for each term. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 24; average, 22. Length of Fall term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 26; average, 20. Length of Winter term to be 14 weeks, not yet finished; whole number of scholars, 27.

Mr. Newell is an excellent teacher, having the happy faculty of interesting his scholars in their studies and teaching them *practical* knowledge.

The closing examination of the Fall term showed that the school had made great improvement. The class in United States History deserves special mention as being remarkably thorough.

A nice globe has recently been added to the school furniture—a valuable acquisition.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Summer and Fall terms taught by Mrs. Clara J. Shumway, an experienced and successful teacher. Wages of teacher, $28 per month, for both terms. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 53; average, 49. Length of Fall term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 53; average, 46.

The school for the Winter term is making good progress under the charge of Mr. Herbert J. Taft. Length of term, 14 weeks; wages of teacher, $28 per month; whole number of scholars, 46.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Summer and Fall terms taught by Miss Emma F. Davis. Wages per month, $28. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 44; average, 38. Length of Fall term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 67; average, 53.

This school is quite large, and it requires considerable tact to govern the same. Miss Davis had the affection of her scholars, and succeeded admirably.

The Winter term is being taught by Mrs. Clara J. Shumway, who is succeeding well. Length of Winter term, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher per month, $28; whole number of scholars, 72.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Charles G. Blanchard.

Summer term taught by Miss Sadie J. Jenkins. Length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, $20; whole number of scholars, 9; average, 7.

Fall term taught by Mrs. G. A. Hale. Length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, $20.00 per month; whole number of scholars, 11; average, 8. At the examination the scholars appeared thorough in the studies they had pursued during the term.

Winter term taught by same teacher, with commendable success. Length of school, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, $16; whole number of scholars, 10; average, 7.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, E. H. Russell, E. L. Nutting, A. B. Eaton.

The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Lura M. Elliott. Length of Summer term, 8½ weeks; wages of teacher, $24 per month; whole number of scholars, 23; average, 20. Length of Fall term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, $24 per month; whole number of scholars, 27; average, 25. Length of Winter term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, $32 per month; whole number of scholars, 29; average, 25.

Miss Elliott is adapted to her employment as a teacher. The school for the Winter term made very marked improvement; the classes in mathematics were not only able to perform the problems, but could give a lucid explanation, showing that they understood their work. Discipline and order good.

The average attendance of the schools has been reduced during the Winter terms by prevailing colds among the scholars.

The school houses are in a fair condition, with the exception of the building in District No. 1, which needs repairs.

If parents would visit the schools often, they would encourage the teachers and stimulate the scholars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. MARSH,

Superintending School Committee.

District.	DEPARTMENTS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Weeks.	Wages of Teacher, per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attend'ce	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in U. S. Hist'ry	No. in Algebra.	No. in Book-keeping.	No. in Latin.	No. in Composition	No. visits by Superintending Com.	No. visits by Prudential Committee.	No. visits by Citizens.	No. not Absent or Tardy during term.	No. between 14 and 21 yrs. who cannot read or write.
	SUMMER TERM.																					
1	Grammar.	Mr. F. A. Newell.	10	$50 00	24	22	24	24	22	24	8	24	10	2		2		3	1	45	11	25
1	Intermediate.	Mrs. C. J. Shumway.	10	28 00	53	49	53	53		52	31							2	2	18	25	
1	Primary.	Miss Emma F. Davis.	10	28 00	44	38	44	44		16								3	1	17	5	
2		Miss Sadie J. Jenkins.	10	20 00	9	7	9	8	8	8	8	5	5					3	1	20		
3		Miss Lura M. Elliott.	8½	24 00	23	20	22	23	12	18	8	7						3		19	8	
	FALL TERM.																					
1	Grammar.	Mr. F. A. Newell.	12	50 00	26	20	26	26	24	20	8	21	10	2				4	3	43	9	
1	Intermediate.	Mrs. C. J. Shumway.	12	28 00	53	46	53	53		53	44							2	1	12	20	
1	Primary.	Miss Emma F. Davis.	12	28 00	67	53	67	53		14								4	2	19	2	
2		Mrs. G. A. Hale.	8	20 00	11	8	11	10	10	9	8	5	1					2	1	28	2	
3		Miss Lura M. Elliott.	8	24 00	27	25	26	27	15	22	8	9	1	1			12	2		8	7	
	WINTER TERM.																					
1	Grammar.	Mr. F. A. Newell.	14	50 00	27		27	27	25	26	11	26	6	6			27					
1	Intermediate.	Mr. H. J. Taft.	14	28 00	46		46	46	37	46	44											
1	Primary.	Mrs. C. J. Shumway.	14	28 00	72		72	72		21	3											
2		Mrs. G. A. Hale.	10	16 00	10	7	10	10	7	9	8	6	4	3				2	1	9	1	
3		Miss Lura M. Elliott.	10	32 00	29	25	29	29	14	25	8	8	1	3	1		12	2	1	8	5	

REPORT

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Selectmen and Treasurer,

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Cash in the Treasury March 1, 1879,	$955 56
Received of James Taft, Collector, interest on tax 1876,	17 85
" " " " " " " 1877,	8 06
" " " " " 1878,	123 77
" " Chas E. Hall, Collector 1879,	7,412 57
" " Selectmen,	10,972 42
	$19,490 23

Cr.

Paid Orders drawn on the Treasurer,	$19,054 63
Cash in the Treasury, March 1, 1880,	435 60
	$19,490 23

M. C. DODGE, *Treasurer.*

Greenville, March 1, 1880.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

FOR the YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

Cash Received by Selectmen.

Borrowed on Town notes,	$9,350 00
For rent of Town House,	567 65
Execution against the town of Mason,	143 00
Of town of Mason for School Dist. No. 3,	88 18
For dog licenses,	75 00
Savings Bank Tax,	557 94
Literary Fund,	85 47
Railroad Tax,	21 00
Insurance Tax,	7 50
Of Hillsborough County, pauper expenses,	7 00
Of State, bounty on two foxes,	1 00
For Circus License,	2 00
For tar, fence and old iron,	5 78
For paint stock,	21 00
For Library catalogues, fines, &c.,	19 90
Of C. H. Burns, fines collected,	20 00
	$10,972 42

Expenditures.

Paid Notes and interest,	$12,558 51

State and County Tax.

Paid State Tax,	1,148 00
County Tax,	1,137 65
	$2,285 65

Support of Schools.

Paid James Taft for Dist. No. 1 for 1878,	$380 00
G. H. Livingston for Dist. No. 1 for 1879,	1,023 38
B. G. Livingston, " " " 2,	105 00
A. E. Adams, " " " 3,	175 00
Frank E. Sawyer school tax on Titcomb farm for 1879,	3 91
A. Winship, tuition of scholars,	7 10
	$1,694 39

Pauper Expenses.

Paid E. B. Barrett, team and service in Lucy Davis case,	4 00
Wm. Sawtell, burying paupers,	3 50
O. D. Prescott, goods furnished Mrs. Jeremiah McCuddy,	5 00
	$12 50

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Milton H. Hardy, surveyor for 1879,	$753 41
O. D. Prescott, for tools,	2 26
Otis D. Dana " "	5 12
J. L. Chamberlin, for bridge plank,	27 06
J. L. Chamberlin, for lumber for guide posts,	1 44
Thomas Hays, making guide posts,	2 90
Wm. Sawtell, painting guide boards,	3 50
N. P. Farrar, setting guide posts,	90
	$796 59

Breaking Roads.

Paid H. M. Livingston, breaking roads,	$14 20
M. H. Hardy, " "	53 60
J. L. Chamberlin, " " in 1877-'78,	7 85
	$75 65

Street Lamps.

Paid Geo. W. Pierce, lighting lamps,	$91 60
O. D. Prescott, kerosene oil,	24 55
N. P. Farrar, 11 1-2 doz. chimneys,	12 08
Wm. Sawtell, repairing lanterns,	1 93
	$130 16

Bounties.

Paid N. P. Farrar, bounty on two foxes,	$ 1 00

Police Services.

Paid George H. Preston,	$ 1 60
C. E. Ferson,	2 00
Thomas E. Marshall,	1 50
	$ 5 10

Town Officers.

Paid John Kenney, services as Auditor,	$ 1 00
C. G. Corey, services as School Committee for 1878,	8 09
Chas. E. Marsh, services as School Committee for 1878,	26 00
J. L. Chamberlin, Treasurer for 1877-78,	50 00
J. Taft, services as Selectmen after settlement,	6 00
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George H. Livingston, services as Supervisor,	4 00
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S. H. Bacon, feather duster,	1 65
Wm. Sawtell, glass, putty, &c.,	1 64
	$160 27

Abatement of Taxes.

Jacob H. Batchelder,	$ 1 35
Louis Belhemeur,	1 35
Arthur Bosse,	1 35
Oliver Carden,	1 35

James C. Forbush,	1 35
Joseph Paul,	1 36
R. P. Richardson,	1 35
Charles W. Russell,	1 35
Benjamin Doherty,	1 12
	$11 92

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Chas. E. Marsh, printing reports of 1879,	$ 20 30
George D. Burton, six street lamps,	70 00
Charles E. Marsh, printing,	6 32
" " " " dog licenses,	3 60
M. Kimball, use of scraper,	12 00
Wadleigh & Wallace, counsel fees in line case,	380 00
A. W. Sawyer, counsel fees in line case,	82 00
Brooks & Davis, express charges,	1 00
L. C. B. Phelps, express charges,	2 50
John S. Brown, maintaining watering tub,	3 00
C. W. Kyle, maintaining watering tub,	3 00
M. Kimball, maintaining watering tub,	3 00
A. E. Adams, use of land for winter road,	2 00
Winchendon Road Scraper Co., two road scrapers,	50 00
Firemen for services,	96 28
N. P. Farrar, use of team,	11 36
Thomas Hays, use of team,	2 00
E. B. Barrett, use of team,	1 25
M. V. B. Greene, blanks,	3 30
S. H. Bacon, freight and postage,	1 25
C. E. Hall, stationery,	4 05
C. H. Burns, counsel fees 1878 & 79,	25 00
J. H. Barrett, damage to team,	25 00
G. F. Munsey, returning births and deaths,	4 25
Wadleigh & Wallace, counsel fees 1879,	20 00
	$832 46

Recapitulation.

Paid Notes and interest,	$12,558 51

Paid State and county tax,	2,285 65
Support of schools,	1,694 39
Pauper Expenses,	12 50
Highways and bridges,	796 59
Breaking roads,	75 65
Street lamps,	130 16
Bounties,	1 00
Police services,	5 10
Town officers,	364 69
Library,	125 74
Town house,	160 27
Abatement of taxes,	11 92
Miscellaneous expenses,	832 46
	$19,054 63

GREENVILLE, March 1st, 1880.

We have examined the foregoing accounts for the year ending February 28, 1880, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. W. STEVENSON, } *Auditors.*
JOHN KENNEY, }

Condition of Finances, March 1, 1880.

The town is indebted for outstanding notes and interest to March 1, 1880,	$30,217 83
Due School District No. 1,	50 00
Due School District No. 2,	5 74
Due School District No. 3,	37 47
Due School District No. 0,	5 44
	$30,316 48

Available Assets of the Town.

Balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1880,	$435 60
Balance in Collector's hands, March 1, 1880,	65 93
	$501 53
Total debt of the town,	$29,814 95
Literary Fund for 1879 not appropriated,	86 21

The Selectmen report that they have settled all bills contracted since March 1, 1879, and that they have paid the following unadjusted bills contracted prior to March 1, 1879.

J. L. Chamberlin,	$90 70
M. Kimball,	12 00
George D. Burton,	70 00
Wadleigh & Wallace,	380 00
A. W. Sawyer,	82 00
C. H. Burns,	15 00
C. G. Corey,	8 09
	$657 79

The Following Claims Remain Unadjusted:

Wm. Edwards & Co.,	$50 00
John Kenney,	46 00
Moses Merriam,	150 00
J. L. Chamberlain,	134 50
	$484 50

The Selectmen recommend that the following sums be raised and appropriated for the year 1880:

For Schools,	$1,030 00
Highways and Bridges,	800 00
Incidental expenses,	2,000 00
Town debt,	1,500 00

Total Valuation of 1879 by School Districts.

	Real and Personal Estate.	Polls.
District No. 1,	$467,364 00	230
District No. 2,	30,310 00	11
District No. 3,	18,664 00	12
District No. 0,	8,436 00	6
Value of Estate,	$524,774 00	259
Value of Polls,	25,900 00	
Total Valuation,	$550,674 00	

Amount of Tax Assessed in 1879.

District No. 1,	$6,620 16	Dog Tax,	$ 33 00
District No. 2,	424 08	Dog Tax,	2 00
District No. 3,	268 19	Dog Tax,	0
District No. 0,	122 01	Dog Tax,	0
	$7,434 44		
Dog Tax,	35 00		
	$7,479 44		
School House Tax, District No. 1,			$102 93

Appropriations for 1879.

Schooling,	$1,000 00
Highways and Bridges,	800 00
Incidental Expenses,	3,000 00
State Tax,	1,148 00

County Tax,	1,137 65
	$7,085 65
Overlay,	348 79
	$7,434 44
Rate of Taxes for 1879 on $1,000	$13 50

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. BACON,
NATHAN P. FARRAR,
THOMAS HAYS,
} *Selectmen of Greenville.*

Greenville, March 1st, 1880.

Surveyor's Report for the Year Ending March 1st, 1880.

DR.

Cash received of Treasurer by order of Selectmen,	$807 01

CR.

Paid for labor of horses,	$148 06
For labor of men,	547 24
For stone, gravel and lumber,	34 13
For tools and repairing the same,	24 04
For breaking roads from April 1, '79, to Mar. 1, 1880,	53 60
	$807 01

M. H. HARDY, *Surveyor.*

Librarian's Report.

The Greenville Town Library was first opened March 22nd, 1879, with 547 books; 393 cards have been issued,—5 of them to persons out of town. Books have been taken out as follows:

March,	242	September,	370
April,	677	October,	342
May,	637	November,,	509
June,	456	December,	448
July,	423	January,	570
August,	526	February,	486
			5686

Number of books at the start,	547
Books received not catalogued,	44
	591

Received for catalogues,	$12 30
Received for fines,	5 10
Received for cards out of town,	2 50
	$19 90

THOS. E. MARSHALL, *Librarian.*

Greenville, March 1st, 1880.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 29, 1880.

The school year just closed has been one of general prosperity. The teachers have all been experienced and the scholars have mainly been attentive and seemingly willing to profit from the advantages to be gained in the school room. The whole season has been free from any general sickness and the winter has been mild so that the average attendance has been pretty good. With one exception the teachers engaged at the beginning of the season have held their position for the whole year. This is advantageous when the teacher is fitted for the situation, for each change in teachers brings a new face and new methods into the school room. Frequent changes are always undesirable unless the new teacher shall bring some improvement in mode of instruction. Unless there is some good reason for a change, nothing less than a year's relationship ought to exist between teacher and pupil. The usual statistics of each school, instead of being printed twice as heretofore, this year will be found only in the table at the end of this report.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, George H. Livingston.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school, though nominally graded, has at times a rather miscellaneous arrangement of classes. Frequently classes are sent

up to this room in order to make place in the intermediate school for the overflow from the primary department. This involuntary grading occurs usually at the beginning of the summer and fall terms for the pressure of little scholars in the primary school is then greater. These changes in the summer and fall terms occasioned some crowding of classes in the grammar school, but by using all of the time, few, if any, of the scholars were neglected. In the winter the classes were concentrated as much as possible and an order of recitations was posted on the wall thus giving each class its allotted time. Mr. Newell discarded the Sixth Reader and National Arithmetic and gave the whole school most thorough drill in the Fifth Reader and and Common School Arithmetic. The whole school was also divided into two classes and given a course in Colburn's Arithmetic with excellent results. In these, as in other branches, good work has been done.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss Sarah B. Benson taught the summer school with pretty general satisfaction. She had some disadvantages to contend with in organizing and managing her school, but she kept an average attendance of forty out of forty-six scholars. The fall and winter terms were under the charge of Miss Abbie A. Stickney. She is a vigorous disciplinarian and a believer in thorough order and perfect lessons. The school room was quiet, the scholars studious, the classes stood in line and recited in a manner to show that there was no lack of drill or discipline.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teacher, Mrs. Clara J. Shumway. Here we find the room completely filled with the smaller morsels of humanity, some of whom when they come in are unable to speak our language. Last summer the school numbered 76 scholars with an average of 66 and in the fall there were 75 scholars registered with an average attendance of 68, while there are only 62 seats in the school room. The extra scholars, above the number of seats, were distributed around in chairs or on the platform as the case might be, and on one occasion your committee found one sturdy urchin occupying the

stove hearth for want of a better seat. Much of the reading and spelling in this room is learned from the black board and from printing the lesson on slates and the methods of the teacher are such that those who are disposed can really learn quite fast. Mrs. Shumway had a little class in Spelling at the close of the winter term that was second to none in town.

DISTRICT NO 2.

Prudential committee, Benjamin G. Livingston. Teacher, Miss Sarah J. Jenkins.

If this school had three or four times as many pupils it would be more interesting to teacher and scholars. Your committee has visited the school four times and can say that Miss Jenkins did well for her little flock.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Abel E. Adams. Teacher, Miss Nellie E. Adams.

This school had the only Geometry scholar in town,but many of the pupils are yet quite small. Some very fair work was done in the summer and fall terms. In the winter a little more studiousness on the part of a few of the scholars, suggested or enforced,if necessary, by a very little moral muscular suasion, would have done no harm. Owing to the illness of the teacher, the school came to a sudden close and was visited only once. This district now has a deed of the land on which the school house stands.

The registers now in use in all the schools in this vicinity are too cumbersome and complicated for our ordinary public schools and ought to be supplanted by some more nearly alike the old ones which answered all ordinary requirements.

The school text books, (with the possible exception of the Grammars,) seem so well suited to our wants that no change has been found necessary.

Frank B. Kenney, Alice M. Hardy and Nellie Mullen have neither been absent nor tardy during the whole school year.

Respectfully,

C. E. HALL, *Sup't.*

District.	DEPARTMENTS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks.	Wages of Teacher, per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in U. S. History.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Book-keeping.	No. in Physiology.	No. in Geometry.	No. in Composition.	No. Visits by Supt. Committee.	No. Visits by Prudential Committee.	No. Visits by citizens.	No. not Absent or Tardy during term	No. between 14 and 21 years who cannot read or write.
	SUMMER TERM.																						
1	Grammar.	Mr. F. A. Newell.	9	$46 00	28	22	28	27	27	27	16	27	2			2		28	3	1	3	4	25
1	Intermediate.	Miss Sarah B. Benson.	10	26 00	46	40	46	46	38	46	34								3	1	8	7	
1	Primary.	Mrs. Clara J. Shumway.	10	26 00	76	66	76	76	24	11									3	1	8	5	
2		Miss Sarah J. Jenkins.	8	20 00	7	6	7	7	4	4	3	2	2						2	1	17	1	
3		Miss Nellie E. Adams.	9	24 00	23	21	23	23	14	23	7	7					1		2		19		
	FALL TERM.																						
1	Grammar.	Mr. F. A. Newell.	11	46 00	35	28	35	35		35	33	29	5	4					3	1	6	9	
1	Intermediate.	Miss Abbie A. Stickney.	12	26 00	45	37	44	44	40	43	22								3	1	12	5	
1	Primary.	Mrs. Clara J. Shumway.	12	26 00	75	68	75	75	20	12									3	1	7	7	
2		Miss Sarah J. Jenkins.	12	20 00	7	6	7	7	5	5	4	2	2						2	2	8		
3		Miss Nellie E. Adams.	9	24 00	24	22	24	24	16	21	10	7	1	1	1	1			2		12	1	
	WINTER TERM.																						
1	Grammar.	Mr. F. A. Newell.	12	46 00	31	26	31	31	25	31	21	27	5	4					3	1	4	9	
1	Intermediate.	Miss Abbie A. Stickney.	12	26 00	36	30	35	35	32	33	20								3	1	6	7	
1	Primary.	Mrs. Clara J. Shumway.	12	26 00	58	49	58	58	13	10									3	1	7	10	
3		Miss Nellie E. Adams.	7	32 00	26	24	26	26	22	23	9	7		1	1				1		4	1	

REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Treasurer,

OF THE

TOWN OF GREENVILLE,

RENDERED MARCH 1, 1881.

WITH THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR,

AND

LIBRARIAN.

C. E. HALL, Druggist.

DEALER IN

Drugs, Medicines, Toilet Articles, Sponges, Essences, Flavoring Extracts, Cream Tartar, Soda, Oat Meal, Handy Package Dyes, Sewing Machine Oil, School Books,

Stationery in large or small quantities, &c., &c.

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FITCHBURG:
WILLIAM M. SARGENT, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1881

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

Cash in the Treasury, March 1st, 1880,	$435 60	
Received of Charles E. Hall, collector, 1879,	68 98	
James Taft, collector, 1880,	8,133 00	
Selectmen,	29,281 18	
		$37,918 76

Cr.

Paid Orders drawn on Treasurer,	$37,621 67	
Cash in the Treasury, March 1st, 1881,	297 09	
		$37,918 76

M. C. DODGE, *Treasurer.*

Greenville, March 1st, 1881.

Selectmen's Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1881.

Cash Received by Selectmen.

Borrowed on Town notes,	~~$27,945 00~~ 27,020 00	
For rent of Town House,	401 25	
For Dog Licenses,	49 00	
Savings Bank Tax,	619 89	
Literary Fund,	89 17	
Railroad Tax,	20 87	
Insurance Tax,	7 50	
Of Hillsboro County, pauper expenses,	13 50	
For Library Catalogues and fines,	13 55	
Fines collected,	9 50	
Oil barrels sold,	6 50	
Paper stock sold,	45	
Of Malcolm Beaton expense in suit Kenney *vs.* Greenville,	~~20 00~~ 30 00	
		$29,~~196~~ 181 18

Expenditures.

Paid Notes and interest,		$31,547 89
State and County Tax.		
Paid State Tax,	$1,176 00	
County Tax,	1,121 42	
		$2,297 42

Support of Schools.

Paid W. W. Stevenson for District No. 1, '80,	$1,052 25	
J. H. Barrett, for District No. 2,	85 58	
Henry S. Adams, for District No. 3,	165 00	
Adron Winship, tuition of scholars,	2 65	
		$1,305 48

Pauper Expenses.

Paid W. W. Sawtell, coffin for Mrs. Berger,	$10.00	
Marshall Kimball, burying Mrs. Berger,	3 50	
Geo. C. Robbins, goods furnished Mrs. Forbush,	5 99	
S. H. Bacon, for wood furnished Mrs. Forbush,	6 96	
S. H. Bacon, for wood furnished Mrs. Cavenough,	4 50	
G. F. Munsey, medical attendance in Mrs. Forbush's family,	7 00	
		$37 95

Highways and Bridges.

Paid M. H. Hardy, surveyor for 1880,	$789 05	
H. E. Follett, for plank and stringers,	19 50	
Stetson & Pope, for lumber for rails,	48 07	
McCan & Burns, for iron for posts,	36 95	
N. P. Farrar, for guideboards,	1 73	
O. D. Prescott, for tools, bolts, fuse and brimstone,	7 72	
E. G. Bassett, for painting bridge railing and rails,	29 00	
S. H. Bacon, for planing rails,	4 50	
		$936 52

Breaking Roads.

Paid M. H. Hardy, Breaking roads,	$158 29

Street Lamps.

Paid S. F. Derbyshire, lighting lamps,	$51 75	
Geo, W. Pierce, lighting lamps,	10 40	
S. H. Bacon, oil,	14 82	
O. D. Prescott, oil and matches,	7 45	
N. P. Farrar, for labor, chimneys, wicks, and burners,	11 46	
		$95 88

Police Expense.

Paid	James Taft, police services,	$5 00	
	T. E. Marshall, police services,	6 75	
	Geo. H. Preston, police services,	5 00	
	A. G. Stickney, police services,	72	
	N. P. Farrar, repairing police badge,	10	
			$17 57

Town Officers.

Paid	John Kenney, services as auditor,	$1 00	
	F. A. Newell, services as school committee,	40 75	
	M. C. Dodge, services as treasurer,	26 15	
	Geo. H. Livingston, services as supervisor,	8 00	
	Chas. E. Marsh, services as supervisor,	8 00	
	Andrew Henry, services as supervisor,	4 00	
	Frank E. Pierce, services as town clerk,	23 00	
	James Taft, services as colleetor,	38 00	
	S. H. Bacon, services as selectman 27 days,	54 00	
	N. P. Farrar, services as selectman 29 days,	58 00	
	Geo. C. Robbins, services as selectman 20 days,	40 00	
	F. B. Heald, services as selectman in 1879,	2 50	
	Thomas Hays, services as selectman in 1880,	2 80	
			$306 20

Library Expenses.

Paid	T. E. Marshall, services as librarian and covering books,	$60 60	
	T. E. Marshall, time and expense in purchasing books,	10 60	
	Andrew Henry, time and expense in purchasing books,	8 64	
	Andrew Henry, paper for covering books,	4 20	
	Wm. M. Sargent, printing catalogues,	34 41	
			$118 45

Town House.

Paid	S. H. Bacon, janitor of town house,	$60 00	
	Geo. W. Pierce, janitor of town house,	4 40	
	F. B. Heald, janitor of town house, in '79,	1 60	
	H. M. Livingston, coal,	41 95	
	O. D. Prescott, oil, wicks and matches,	11 22	
	N. P. Farrar, lamps, shades and burners,	4 04	
	Geo. R. Paul, rods for snow guards,	14 92	
	Wm. M. Edwards, putting on snow guards,	46 08	
	S. H. Bacon, for wood,	87	
			$185 08

Abatement of Taxes.

Moses Merriam, over tax in 1878,	$1.73	
James Armstrong,	1 55	
James Bassey,	1 55	
Joseph Felix,	1 55	
James W. Henry,	1 55	
John Kain,	1 55	
Thomas Leonard.	1 90	
John Sheridan, Jr.,	1 55	
Charles L. Taylor,	1 55	
George Paquette,	1 55	
Thomas B. Furneaux,	1 55	
Michael Breslehan,	1 00	
		$18 58

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid	Wm. M. Sargent, printing reports, $1880,	$14 13	
	S. H. Bacon, expense in suit, Merriam vs. Greenville,	17.00	
	F. N. Gibson, returning births and deaths,	2 75	
	J. L. Chamberlain, services as building committee, on town house,	134 50	
	Post Herman Shedd, decorating soldiers' graves,	42 30	
	Fitchburg railroad freight bills,	8 13	
	Firemen for services,	88 29	
	Chas. E. Marsh, printing,	3 00	
	A. F. Stevens, counsel in suit Kenney vs. Greenville,	41 00	

Paid	L. W. Felt, damage to team,	130 00	
	W. G. Lakin, services as referee in Felt case,	50	
	S. H. Bacon, expense in Felt case,	2 50	
	H. I. Whitney, badges and labor on fire engine,	2 01	
	Charles E. Hall, stationery,	2 66	
	E. B. Barrett, use of team,	1 50	
	M. H. Hardy, labor in cemetery,	11 32	
	G. F. Munsey, returning births and deaths,	4 50	
	Thomas Hays, damage done by dogs,	4 00	
	S. H. Bacon, for telegraphing and postage,	2 80	
	N. P. Farrar, use of team,	16 62	
	Geo. C. Robbins, use of team,	1 50	
	J. L. Chamberlain, time and expense in Kenney suit,	3 00	
	F. B. Heald, time and expense in Kenney suit,	1 00	
	R. M. Wallace, counsel fees,	61 35	
			$596 36

Recapitulation.

Paid	Notes and interest,	$31,547 89
	State and county tax,	2297 42
	Support of schools,	1305 48
	Pauper expenses,	37 95
	Highways and bridges,	936 52
	Breaking roads,	158 29
	Street lamps,	95 88
	Police expenses,	17 57
	Town officers,	306 20
	Library expenses,	118 45
	Town house,	185 08
	Abatement of taxes,	18 58
	Miscellaneous expenses,	596 36
		$37,621 67

GREENVILLE, N. H., Feb. 28, 1881.

We have examined the foregoing accounts for the year ending, Feb. 28, 1881, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. B. HEALD,
HENRY I. WHITNEY, } *Auditors.*

Condition of Finances March 1st, 1881.

The town is indebted for outstanding notes and interest to March 1st, 1881,	$27,933 13	
Due school district No. 3,	41	
Due school district No. 0,	11 75	
Due town of New Ipswich, tax on Titcomb farm,	4 34	
		$27,949 63

Available Assets of the Town.

Balance in treasury March 1st, 1881,	$297 09	
Balance in collector's hands,	265 00	
Due from town of Mason, school money,	77 57	
		$639 66

Total debt of town March 1st, 1881,	$27,309 97
Reduction of debt since March 1st, 1880,	2,504 98
Literary fund for 1880 not appropriated,	89 17

The selectmen report that they have settled the following unadjusted bills contracted prior to March 1st, 1880.

John Kenney,	$46 00	
Moses Merriam,	150 00	
James L. Chamberlain,	134 50	
		$330 50

The Following Claims remain Unadjusted.

Wm. Edwards & Co.,	$50 00
Town of Mason,	74 41

Total Valuation of 1880 *by School Districts.*

	Real and Personal Estate.	Polls.
District No. 1,	$456,024 00	228
District No. 2,	31,548 00	14
District No. 3,	17,706 00	10
District No. 0,	8566 00	5
Value of Estate,	$513,844 00	257
Polls,	25,700 00	
Total valuation,	$539,544 00	

Amount of Tax Assessed in 1880.

District No. 1,	$7,421 84	Dog Tax, $31 00
District No. 2,	510 70	Dog Tax, 4 00
District No. 3,	289 95	
District No. 0,	140 51	
	$8,363 00	
Dog Tax,	35 00	
	$8,398 00	

Appropriations for 1880.

Schooling,	$1,030 00	
Highways and Bridges,	800 00	
Incidentals,	4,000 00	
State Tax,	1,176 00	
County Tax,	1,121 42	
Decorating Soldiers' Graves,	50 00	
Overlay,	185 58	
		$8,363 00
Rate of Taxes for 1880, on $1,000,		$15 50

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. BACON,
NATHAN P. FARRAR,
GEO. C. ROBBINS,
Selectmen of Greenville.

Greenville, March 1st, 1881.

Highway Surveyor's Report for the Year ending March 1, 1881.

Dr.

Cash received of Treasurer, by order of Selectmen,		$947 34

Cr.

Paid for labor of horses,	$162 50	
For labor of men,	597 09	
For gravel,	1 40	
For poles,	3 75	
For repairing tools and other work,	24 31	
For breaking roads to Mar. 1st, 1881,	158 29	
		$947 34

M. H. HARDY, *Surveyor.*

Librarian's Report.

The Greenville Town Library was closed from April 3d, to June 5th, to take inventory and to make a new catalogue. There have been 475 cards taken out, three of them by persons out of town. Number of new books received since last report, 731; total number of books in the library, 1278. Books have been taken out as follows:

March,	497	October,	591
April,	110	November,	505
June,	490	December,	488
July,	651	January,	772
August,	516	February,	629
September,	508		
			5760

Received for fines,	$2 00	
For catalogues,	10 05	
For cards out of town,	1 50	
		$13 55

Greenville, March 1st, 1881.

T. E. MARSHALL, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1881.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, W. W. Stevenson.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	12	12	12
Wages of teacher per month	$30	$36	$36
Whole number of scholars,	33	34	36
Average attendance,	26	33	31
Number not absent or tardy,	3	8	6
Number of visits by committee and others,	14	38	48

Miss Abbie A. Stickney had charge of this school during the spring term. The teacher failed to obtain the confidence of some of the scholars and parents, and thus the harmony of the school was somewhat marred.

Perhaps she was a little too exacting in some of her requirements. A strict adherence to the exact words of any text-book is not advisable; a definition or principle, stated in the pupil's own words is far better; for in the latter case the scholar thinks for *himself* and does not simply memorize the words of the author.

Fall and winter terms, Miss Abbie H. Allen, Teacher.

This Teacher needs no comment from your committee; her reputation as a teacher is too well established. She is known in many a school as an earnest, faithful, practical teacher. The exercises of the school, outside of the beaten paths of text books, have been interesting and profitabie. The closing ex-

amination of the winter term was well attended by parents and friends who expressed themselves well pleased with the exercises. Reading has received special attention and marked improvement in this branch was evident. In fact, thoroughness was manifest in all the branches.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	10	12	12
Wages of teacher per month,	$28	$28	$28
Whole number of scholars,	43	41	45
Average attendance,	39	31	31
Number not absent or tardy,	10	5	2
Number of visits by committee and others,	29	18	21

Spring term, Miss Mary E. Russell, Teacher. This school made good progress under this efficient teacher. She seemed well adapted for the work and we were sorry to lose her from our list of teachers. Miss Abbie A. Stickney returned to her former position as teacher of this school for the fall and winter terms. The classes in arithmetic and penmanship made especial progress. The school-room was quiet and orderly, as is usual where Miss Stickney presides.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	12	12	12
Wages of teacher per month,	$28	$28	$28
Whole number of scholars,	56	64	54
Average attendance,	48	54	35
Number not absent or tardy,	4	8	0
Number of visits by committee and others,	26	20	10

Miss Lucy E. Goodwin was employed as teacher in this department for the entire year, and proved to be the right person in the place. Her manner of instructing the little ones is highly commendable. Although this is our lowest grade of schools, it is by no means the least important. Impressions received here cling to the scholar thorugh remaining school days and through life. Miss Goodwin proved herself equal to her task and awakened within her scholars a love instead of a hatred of school. Her method of conducting the reading exercises, somewhat modern in its nature, deserves especial mention. Monroe's Reading Charts have been used with wonderful results. At one visit, your committee was surprised to hear one young lad, who had been a member of the school only three weeks,

and who could not tell a single letter of the English alphabet, at his entrance, read short sentences quite readily from the charts.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential committee, J. H. Barrett.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.
Number of weeks,	8	9
Wages of teacher per month,	$20	$20
Whole number of scholars,	6	5
Average attendance,	5	4
Number not absent or tardy,	0	0
Number of visits by committee and others,	10	10

This school has been in session only seventeen weeks during the year—less than half the time given to our village schools. This fact must be remembered in comparing the results obtained; but considering its advantages, or rather the *dis*advantages we can say the school has been successful under the instruction of Mrs. F. A. Spaulding the first term and Miss Emma F. Childs, the second.

DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Prudential committee, H. S. Adams, Geo. Arnold, A. B. Eaton.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	9	7	8
Wages of teacher per month,	$22	$24	$28
Whole number of scholars,	18	17	23
Average attendance,	15	14	19
Number not absent or tardy,	2	1	1
Number of visits by committee and others,	40	9	21

Miss Lillie S. Adams, Teacher. This school has been favored with one of our very best teachers for the entire year. She possesses the happy faculty of preserving order, and the respect and good will of her pupils at the same time.

The school was most successfully managed, but there are a few families in this district who have always clung to the idea that they could administer the affairs of the school better than any teacher ever yet employed; consequently, if the teacher is not willing to follow their dictates, their children are removed from school. Thus the children are deprived of priceless privileges for the sake of the *ignorant whims* of the parents.

Parents, throw aside such foolish ideas; use a little of that good old staple article known as "common sense," and the next time a worthy teacher comes among you, give her your hearty support. (We are glad the above remarks apply to only a few.)

"Not how *much*, but how *well*," was the evident motto of the school. Some of the roads being impassable, a part of the scholars were unable to be present at the winter examination, but those who were present, by their ready answers and thorough knowledge of the studies pursued, showed that good work had been done. At the close of the exercises, the scholars surprised their teacher by presenting her with a handsomely bound book of poems, as a token of their love for her, and appreciation of her faithful services. We hope, for the school's sake, this teacher may return.

Our registers did not all contain blanks for the number of scholars in each study, therefore the usual table of statistics has been omitted in this report. We are glad to note the present standing of our schools, and yet we believe that it is far below what it ought to be, and what it might be, under a more perfect system of grading.

Competent teachers may be employed, and they may labor earnestly for the highest good of the schools, and yet the desired results are not fully obtained.

Every one who is familiar with our village schools knows that another department is necessary, that at present our schools are graded in name only. While this is true of our village schools, it is also a fact that the scholars in the out districts have still less advantages. But when there is so little interest manifested in school affairs by the voters of the town, that they will merely appropriate for school purposes what the law compels, we have little courage to advocate any measures except those which tend to *retrenchment.*

We sincerely hope, however, that the time is not far distant when we shall have a fourth department in our village, and the scholars from the out districts transported here, where they can enjoy equal privileges.

When this is done, a curriculum established, a diploma given to the scholar who completes it, and all the parents and friends of education work in harmony, then shall we have just cause to boast of orr schools.

Your committee is well aware that in performing the duties of the office he has been subjected to severe criticisms, and he

has no doubt that his final report will meet with censure; but he has endeavored to guide his acts and words, not in accordance with the wishes of "*our* party," or "*our* sect," but for the best interests of the schools.

How far he has been successful, a *generous* public will determine.

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. NEWELL, *Supt. of Schools.*

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